

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 554

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Madison Childers
upon being named a State Honoree for the 2016
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Madison Childers of Murfreesboro, a senior at Blackman High School, has been selected as one of two State Honorees of the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award was created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in an effort to emphasize the importance that our great Nation places on service to others and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her grandfather's service in World War II, Madison organized two golf tournaments that have raised nearly \$10,000 to send veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to Washington, D.C., to see memorials erected in their honor; and

WHEREAS, working with a group of classmates, Ms. Childers persuaded the director of a local golf course to host the tournament, then distributed sponsor packets to more than 100 businesses in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, she and her colleagues collected donations, registered players, and recruited volunteers to assist with the event; and

WHEREAS, after what she described as "200 hours of continuous stress and emotional breakdowns," Madison's first tournament raised \$4,500, enough to send ten veterans to Washington with an organization called the Screaming Eagle Honor Flight; her second tournament held last October raised an additional \$5,000 for veterans' trips; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Ms. Childers will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Madison Childers, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Madison Childers as a State Honoree of the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.